

George Fabes Prowse Trip/Investments in Colorado

In the document 'A Chronology of Montreal and of Canada From 1752 To 1893' which was printed in 1893, we find a statement *'he retired, in 1860, in favor of George R. Prowse, his oldest son, who has proved enterprising and public-spirited citizen, as well as a successful man of business. The leisure gained by retirement was utilized by the late Mr. Prowse in seeing Europe and many parts of America, in the course of which he found, in Colorado, investments which greatly increased his already ample means.'* A site was found that allowed searching through old Colorado newspapers

(<http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/Default/Skins/Colorado/Client.asp?Skin=Colorado&AW=1267880614305&AppName=2>) and he was located in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the 1875s and 1877s.

The paper, Colorado Springs Gazette, does not mention him in 1876 so it is unknown if he made 2 trips to Colorado or just didn't make the papers. The Colorado Springs Gazette is the only paper found so far that mentions him. Some of the highlights found:

- He owned the first or one of the earliest fire engine station in Colorado Springs
- He had some sort of investment buying old frame houses
- When he made his trip to California from Colorado Springs, he went (initially) to San Francisco. The Daily Alta California March 3, 1875 listed George Prowse passing through Carlin, Nevada due to arrive in San Francisco the next day

G. F. Prowse, Esq., of Montreal Canada, is among the latest arrivals. Mr. Prowse is a gentleman of wealth and position, and an extensive traveler, having seen a great part of the Old and New Worlds. He has seen, nothing, however, in the course of his travels, to equal our own delightful climate; and, it is highly probable that he will shortly bring hither his Lares and Penates, and become a permanent resident. Such additions to our population are always welcome.

Colorado Springs Gazette – Sept 25, 1875
 Note that Oct 9 finds Prowse staying at the Manitou House – found article that President Grant and party arrived in Colorado Springs on Oct 6 and stayed at Bacon's Exchange

Mr. G. F. Prowse, of Montreal, Canada, is stopping at Bacon's Exchange. Mr. Prowse is well known to many of our citizens, as he spent last winter at the Springs Hotel. During the summer he has been making a tour of California.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

WHEREAS, Rob't G. Robson, of El Paso County, Colorado, executed his certain promissory note on the 29th day of December, 1874, for the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars, payable nine months after date to George F. Prowse or order, with interest at the rate of two per cent. per month, which note is secured by a certain deed of trust, executed by said Robson to D. Russ Wood, trustee, and conveying the hereinafter described premises, dated December 29th, 1874, and filed for record in the Recorder's office, of El Paso County and State (then Territory) of Colorado, on the 2d day of January, 1875, and recorded in book P, on page 67, by which trust deed it is provided that in case of default in the payment of said note according to the tenor and effect thereof, it may and shall be lawful for said Wood, on application of the legal holder of said note, to advertise and sell said premises according to the terms and conditions of said trust deed, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of said note and all costs and charges attending this trust; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note according to its tenor, and the legal holder thereof has requested me to advertise and sell said premises in said trust deed described and as therein provided;

Now, therefore, I, D. Russ Wood, trustee, hereby give public notice that under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by said deed of trust, and in accordance with the conditions thereof, I shall on the

Mr. G. F. Prowse, of Montreal, Canada, who has spent the Winter here, is about to proceed to California. He intends to return to Colorado Springs in the course of the Summer.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS,

for the two weeks ending December 15, 1875,
 REPORTED BY ENSIGN & CO.,
 Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents,
 Tejon Street.

Colorado Springs Co. to Channing Sweet, part of block 261 in addition No. 1 . . . \$	250
Colorado Springs Co. to School District No. 14, lot 6 block "I," Manitou . . .	1
Wm J Palmer to Ellen S Mellen, lots 18 and 19 and part of lot 22 block C, Manitou	7,000
Wm A Wilkes, Trustee, to Geo F Prowse, parts of lots 1 and 2 block 106 addition No. 4	100

7th day of February, A. D. 1877,

at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the County Clerk's office, in El Paso County and State (formerly Territory) of Colorado, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all the following described premises, to-wit: All that part of the southwest quarter of section No. 17, township 14 south, range 66 west, beginning at a point 33 feet east of the section line between said section 17 and section 18, and 33 feet north of what would be a continuation of Costilla Street, as said street is recorded on the recorded plat of the town of Colorado Springs, and running thence north, parallel with said section line two hundred and sixty-five feet and nine inches, thence east one hundred and sixty-three feet and eleven inches, thence south two hundred and sixty-five feet and nine inches, thence west one hundred and sixty-three feet and eleven inches, to the place of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any manner appertaining, and all right, title, interest and equity of redemption of said Rob't G. Robson, his heirs or assigns therein.

D. Russ Wood, Trustee.
 Colorado Springs, Jan. 4, 1877.

On Tuesday evening a number of ladies and gentlemen from the Crawford House, each supplied with a little parcel of the good things of this world, waited upon Mrs. Wright, at Miss Grimes', taking her completely by surprise. Mr. Prowse made a neat little speech, explaining the nature of their call, to which Mrs. Wright responded, bidding the party welcome. After this, the parcels were spread upon the table, creating much pleasure and no little amusement. The evening was a delightful one to all present. The visitors were Mr. G. F. Prowse, of Montreal, Canada, who is almost a citizen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greenough, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fargo, Chicago; Miss Anna Smith, New York city; Miss Fanny Smith of Michigan, and others, whose names we could not learn. Visiting strangers and making them feel at home in the community is certainly commendable, and the practice should be encouraged as a means of inducing new comers to locate here instead of seeking homes in towns where people are willing to go to that trouble. A gentleman suggests that it would be a good idea to have a committee appointed in some manner, by the churches perhaps, to call upon strangers who may stop at hotels or private boarding houses, and take some pains to assure them of their welcome. Besides, such a committee might find that the town was entertaining angels unawares.

Colorado Springs Gazette – Mar 31, 1877

THE BALL.

The military ball Tuesday evening was a grand success. It was more largely attended than any other affair of the kind that has taken place in this city during the season, and the participants vote it a gorgeous time. The hall, with its elegant decorations and brilliant illumination, was beautiful to behold, and when thronged with the merry dancers was a very fairy scene. Both the Cornet Band and the String Band were present, and the music was just such as a party of young people would wish to trip to, while Prof. Seek, by his good judgment in calling the figures, prevented all confusion.

Capt. Burnham read a letter from Mr. G. F. Prowse, regretting his inability to be present at the dedication ball and exercises, and making the company a present of the rent of the

ANYONE having good frame houses which can be removed, furnished or unfurnished, may hear of a purchaser by applying to G. F. PROWSE, El Paso County Bank.

Colorado Springs Gazette – Mar 17, 1877

Mr. J. H. Barlow has moved into the handsome house owned by Mr. G. F. Prowse, opposite Acacia Place on the south.

Colorado Springs Gazette – Mar 24, 1877

The military company has named its armory over the engine house the "Prowsonian Military Hall," in honor of Mr. G. F. Prowse, the owner of the building, who showed great liberality in his lease of the hall to the company.

hall up to the first of June. The name of the room "Prowsonian Military Hall," was then formally announced, and two flags being drawn aside the name was displayed in large letters on the wall. Mr. T. A. McMorris spoke for the absent gentleman, after which Mayor Wagner, Dr. Horn, and Mr. W. S. Jackson each made a short speech. And then the dance was resumed and continued until after 3 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The motto adopted by the company is "In time of Peace prepare for War." That other military legend, "Invincible in Peace; Invisible in War," would not suit a company officered by such men and manned by such gentlemen as is Company B. All did their parts so nobly that discrimination would be invidious, and all the harm the GAZETTE wishes the company is, that their successes hereafter may be as complete and bloodless as this.